

Camp Sheridan, Va

January 7th 1865

Dear Mother,

It has been some time since I wrote you last. I have delayed writing on account of we have been moving camp and have had a very bad time for it, we left our camp ("Russell") New Years day, it was very cold and it has been raining and snowing ever since. We are camped now about eight miles from where we were before at Stephens Station and about four miles from Winchester. We have got out log houses put up so that we can stay in them but stone are so scarce that we have got no fire place built yet.

I *received* Harrison's letter before we left our other camp but have not had time to answer it. I was very glad to hear that he had arrived home and that he had got his discharge.

two of the company start for home on furlough this morning, they allow two out of a company to be gone at once fifteen days. I am in hopes I will have a chance next time.

We probably will stay here some time and I would like to have y you send me a box of things. I would like about 15 lbs of cheese and about 10 of butter. I want enough for my tent mate, he has no home to send to for such things, send some sausage if you can get it, send me a list of what it costs for Wallace Lord my tent mate will pay half the expense.

put in a good lot of sausage and a couple pair of wool stockings. You can send what I have mentioned and what other things you are a mind to.

I don't think there will be any trouble but what we will get it in a short time for we are right close to the Rail Road, the boys have most all got Boxes since we came here.

I can not write any more for it is awful cold and I do not know as you can read this for I have written it in an awful hurry. ~~We~~ I got a paper from Harrison this morning but no letters.

Give my love to all.

Yours affect.

J. F. Brand

P.S.

As soon as I get paid I will send you want the Box costs.

J. F. B.